UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA upon the relation and for the use of the TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,

v.

No. 3:20-cv-634-TSL-RPM

AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER 0.37 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, and JONATHAN W. CRAIN, DIMITRI W. CRAIN, his wife, Defendants.

COMPLAINT

- 1. This is an action of a civil nature brought by the United States of America upon the relation and for the use of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the taking of property under the power of eminent domain and for the ascertainment and award of just compensation to the owners and parties in interest.
- 2. The authority for the taking is the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 831 et seq.
- 3. The public use for which the property is taken is the erection, operation, and maintenance of electric power transmission circuits and communication circuits.
 - 4. The property interest to be acquired is a permanent easement and right-of-way.
- 5. The easement and right-of-way herein condemned is described in Attachment 1 hereto and made a part hereof.
- 6. The persons known to the Plaintiff to have or who may claim an interest in said property are as follows:

- a. Jonathan W. Crain and Dimitri W. Crain, his wife, own said property as joint tenants with rights of survivorship by the entirety by virtue of a deed recorded in Deed Book 2008, page 8511, in the office of the Chancery Court Clerk of Rankin County, Tennessee.
 - b. County, City, and School taxes for 2020 are liens on said property.
 - 7. A Declaration of Taking is being filed contemporaneously herewith.

 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands that:
- (1) An Order be issued putting the Tennessee Valley Authority as agent of the United States of America into immediate possession of the property condemned.
- (2) Just compensation for the property taken be ascertained in accordance with Rule 71.1(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (3) A Judgment be entered confirming the vesting of title to the interests sought to be condemned in the United States of America by virtue of the Declaration of Taking filed herewith.
 - (4) The Plaintiff have such other relief as may be lawful and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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